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SUBJECT: LIBERIA REFINING COMPANY (LRC)

REF: STATE 63475, MONROVIA 1465 AND PREVIOUS

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED THE STATUS OF LRC WITH FINANCE MINISTER PHILLIPS THIS MORNING, TUESDAY, 14 MARCH AND ASKED IF PHILLIPS HAD ANY INFORMATION ON THE PADMORE NEW YORK CITY MEETINGS. PHILLIPS SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM PADMORE BUT WAS EXPECTING TO RECEIVE A FULL REPORT IN LONDON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH. PHILLIPS SAID THAT PADMORE COULD RETURN TO THE U.S. THEREAFTER FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

2. WHEN THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED DESIRABILITY OF CONCLUDING THIS DISPUTE PRIOR TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT, PHILLIPS STATED THAT USG SHOULD BE PUTTING PRESSURE ON SUN WHICH HAS BEEN COMPLETELY RECALCITRANT IN THE SITUATION. HE SAID THAT SUN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCOUNTING ERRORS AND THAT U.S. FIRMS WERE NOW ATTEMPTING FORCE BAD SITUATION DOWN GOL THROAT. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT IS VERY DISTURBED ABOUT THIS ILLUSTRATION OF A "NEO-COLONIST ECONOMIC ATTITUDE." PHILLIPS SAID THAT GOL
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HAS ALWAYS BEEN PREPARED TO BRING THESE NEGOTIATIONS TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION AND IS EVEN MORE ANXIOUS TO DO SO AT THIS TIME. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAS EVERY INTENTION OF RAISING THIS SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IF SOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN REACHED BY 3 APRIL.

3. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED TO THE MINISTER THAT WHILE SUN HAD NOT

ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN LAST WEEK'S MEETINGS PADMORE
SHOULD BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE COMPROMISE WITH
DYNALECTRON SO THAT AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE PACKAGE
MIGHT BE RESOLVED. PHILLIPS SAID HE WOULD AWAIT THE
PADMORE REPORT, THEN PHONE PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND GIVE
PADMORE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIS RETURN TO THE
U.S. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WOULD CALL PHILLIPS
IN LONDON ON FRIDAY MORNING, 17 MARCH, TO ASCERTAIN DEVELOP-
MENTS AT THAT TIME.
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